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Applicants : Hitoshi ASAHI, et al.  
Appln. No. : 10/582,830  
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For : STEEL PLATES FOR ULTRA-HIGH-STRENGTH LINEPIPES  
AND ULTRA-HIGH-STRENGTH LINEPIPES HAVING  
EXCELLENT LOW-TEMPERATURE TOUGHNESS AND  
MANUFACTURING METHODS THEREOF

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**RESPONSE AFTER FINAL REJECTION**

S I R:

Reconsideration of the above-identified patent application is respectfully  
requested. This Response is in reply to the Office Action mailed March 13, 2009.